

District 27 Family Engagement Opportunities and Current Updates 9/9/20

- **Updates from the Superintendent**

Please join our District 27 Family Team at our Family Engagement Session Chat and Chew with Deputy Superintendent David Norment.

Thursday, September 10

10 am - 11am

11 am - 12pm - One on one by Appointment

Please email district27@schools.nyc.gov to schedule an appointment

New Evening Hour coming soon

<https://meet.google.com/kun-rntm-cqb>

Meeting ID: kun-rntm-cqb

Phone Numbers: (US)+1 252-772-1591

PIN: 918 146 718#

- The recording from the District 27 Family Engagement Session with Central Experts from our August 13 session is posted on our website, district27nyc.org
Click here to view the video [recording](#) or you can view the PDF Version [HERE](#).
- District 27 [Family and Community Questions Tracker](#) (Has been updated to reflect questions from the Queens South Parent Leaders Forum on August 5th held by Presidents' Council, rolling questions from CEC, as well as questions from our D27 Family Engagement session).
- [District 27 Community Google Drive](#) (all of our presentations to CEC can be found here as well)
- **Chancellor's Message to Families**
September 4, 2020: Instructional Guidance Update for Families
<https://infohub.nyced.org/in-our-schools/translations/letters/letters-from-the-chancellor>
- **Return to School 2020**
NYC School Calendar 2020 - 2021 is now available online
<https://www.schools.nyc.gov/about-us/news/2020-2021-school-year-calendar>
- **Important Dates**
Tuesday, September 8, 2020 - School staff report to schools
Wednesday, September 16, Thursday, September 17, and Friday September 18, 2020 - Instructional Orientation
Monday, September 21, 2020 - All schools will begin full-day teaching and learning
- **School Building Ventilation**
The results of your child's [school building ventilation survey](#) will be posted on the individual school page on our website, on the Overview tab, under Building Ventilation Information. The report is a snapshot of the results of inspections on

ventilation systems performed in school spaces over the past few weeks. Use [Find a School](#) to get your school page and see the report.

- **Registering Students**

Beginning last March, Family Welcome Centers (FWC) began processing enrollment inquiries and registrations remotely. This practice will continue until further notice. Each FWC has an email inbox where families can reach out for assistance. Per Chancellor's Regulation (CR) A-101, high school student registrations must be processed by the FWCs. Elementary and middle schools may register families of their zoned students, or students placed via the admissions process. In anticipation of the back-to-school enrollment volume and in light of the impact of COVID-19—specifically social distancing—schools should work with their designated BCO Enrollment point and your borough safety director to create a plan for registration that complies with [social-distancing rules and health and safety guidance](#).

- **New Testing Protocols**

Beginning October 1st and recurring each month, it will be mandatory for schools to test a random 10-20% sample of their students participating in blended learning and on-site staff population. **Families will be asked to sign a consent form at the start of the year for their child to participate at random, and be notified ahead of time if their child has been selected for the month. Families in blended learning that have not submitted a testing consent form by November will transition to remote only instruction.** The full UFT/DOE agreement on testing can be found [here](#).

- **Daily Health Screenings**

In alignment with NYS Department of Health guidance, a health screening (including temperature checks) must be completed by all students, staff, and visitors before entering DOE school facilities—preferably at home. This health screening must be completed each day. School-based staff, visitors, and families cannot enter the building if they have:

(a) experienced any symptoms of COVID-19, including a fever of 100.0°F or greater, a new cough, new loss of taste or smell or shortness of breath, within the past 10 days;

(b) in the past 10 days, gotten a positive result from a COVID-19 test that tested saliva or used a nose or throat swab;

(c) to the best of their knowledge, in the past 14 days, been in close contact (within 6 feet for at least 10 minutes) with anyone who tested positive for COVID-19 or who has or had symptoms of COVID-19; and/or

(d) traveled internationally or from a state with widespread community transmission of COVID-19 per the [New York State Travel Advisory](#) in the past 14 days.

- **Family and Student Information Sessions**

Family & Student Information Session Recording

The recordings for the Family and Student Sessions held in July, August and

September are now posted and you can access the recordings at: <https://learndoe.org/face/recordings/>

- **Family Learning Bridges survey: Fall childcare needs**

Learning Bridges is a new program that will provide free child care options for children from 3-K through 8th grade on days when they are scheduled for remote learning. If you are interested in the Learning Bridges program, please complete this survey at schools.nyc.gov/learningbridges

The Learning Bridges programs will:

- Be operated by community-based organizations and other partners
- Provide opportunities for children to connect to their remote learning activities
- Include time for art, recreation, and other age-appropriate activities
- Follow the same rigorous health and safety precautions as schools

You can complete the survey even if you do not yet know your child's school schedule. The survey is meant to assess interest; this is not a formal application. More information will be shared by the Department of Education (children in 3-K and pre-K) or the Department of Youth & Community Development (children in grades K-8) about a potential placement in the coming weeks. Programs will become available on a rolling basis beginning at the start of school. You can also call 311 for support in completing the survey.

- **IPAD Guidance**

Please see the new guidance for helping families prepare student ipads for back to school.

<https://www.schools.nyc.gov/learning/learn-at-home/technical-tools-and-support/getting-started-with-your-ipad>

- **Regional Enrichment Centers**

Regional Enrichment Centers (RECs) will be closing after Friday, September 11. Currently, we are no longer enrolling new students.

- **P-EBT**

The parents/guardians of eligible children who did not receive their P-EBT food benefits on a SNAP, TA (cash) or Medicaid card will receive a P-EBT food benefits card in the mail. A card will be sent for each eligible child by the end of September. These cards will be mailed in each school-aged child's name and address on file with the school, not a parent's or guardian's name. If you have still not received your card or benefits on any of the other cards listed above please provide us with the child's full name, birth dates, and the account or case # for each (if known, otherwise provide address). This will allow us to request replacement cards if necessary. If you need to change the address or are unsure if your child received free or reduced cost lunch, contact the school.

Assuming no issues with postal mail deliveries, everyone's cards will be mailed out by the end of September. Returned/Undeliverable Mail will be dealt with after that.

If you have any questions about P-EBT food benefits, please send an email to this address: otda.sm.eisp.PEBT@otda.ny.gov or call the P-EBT Food Benefits Helpline 833-452-0096.

[Click here for P-EBT FAQ](#)

- **District 27 Weekly Family Newsletter**
Family Newsletter with District updates, links, resources, professional development, workshops, and community events.
<http://www.district27nyc.org/newsletter.html>
- **District 27 Family One-pager**
Remote Learning helpful links and resources for families
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1gfeGWfA7CaCSRfmX-d6BgcZyatOlQbFo/view?usp=sharing>